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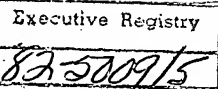
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SUBJECT: NSSD 8-82 - Interagency Group Meeting on
 the Horn of Africa, June 22, 1982

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

The main subject of discussion was the draft NSSD section on policy toward Ethiopia, which contained alternative language suggested by State and NSC/DOD. Agreement was reached that the differences of view were not sufficiently wide to require referral to higher levels. There was a consensus on the following conclusions on Ethiopia: 1) Ethiopia's actions against Somalia and Sudan have crossed the line of conduct acceptable to the United States; 2) the U.S. should embark on steps designed to modify this unacceptable Ethiopian behavior; and 3) a mechanism should be established for continuing interagency review of the progress of the U.S. action program.

There was also discussion of the relationship between the IG recommendations for increased assistance to the friendly Horn region states and the budget process through which specific future assistance levels are determined. OMB took the position that the IG should not put recommendations to the President in the area of assistance that would pre-empt the outcome of the budget process, particularly in view of the difficult overall budget picture. NSC and State took the position that the purpose of the policy review in this area is to allow the President to provide guidance to the budget process on general priorities; while the determination of specific figures must be left to the budget process, the policy recommendations should also make clear that policy will be affected if the budget process does not provide resources.

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The meeting also agreed that the present draft NSDD is too long, and that a shorter NSDD supported by an executive summary of the policy analysis should be prepared for SIG and then White House consideration.

ACTION ASSIGNMENTS

1. State will reconvene the drafting group to do the following:

-- Reformulate the recommendations on Ethiopia in line with the consensus reached at the meeting.

-- Revise the present draft documents to produce a shorter (approximately 3-page) proposed NSDD and an executive summary (approximately 8 pages) of the supporting analysis and detailed policy recommendations.

2. State will recirculate the drafting group products for clearance by all IG principals. Unless issues requiring a further IG meeting are identified, the cleared documents will then be submitted to the Chairman of the SIG for consideration and appropriate further action.



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